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SUBJECT: TRUDEAU-SCHMIDT MEETING IN VANCOUVER

1. WEST GERMAN CHANCELLOR HELMUT SCHMIDT ARRIVED IN VANCOUVER THE EVENING OF JULY 6 FOR WHAT LOCAL PRESS DESCRIBED AS A "MINI-SUMMIT" MEETING WITH PM TRUDEAU PRIOR TO A SECOND ROUND OF TALKS IN OTTAWA NEXT WEEK.

2. VANCOUVER PROVINCE OF JULY 8 CARRIES FRONT-PAGE HEADLINE TITLED "GO EASY ON RIGHTS, LEADERS AGREE" AND REPORTS THAT TRUDEAU AND SCHMIDT REACHED A "CONSENSUS" IN VANCOUVER THAT PUSHING SOVIET-BLOC HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES TOO HARD COULD WEAKEN INTERNATIONAL DETENTE AND BRING BACK THE COLD WAR. AN EXTAFF SPOKESMAN REPORTEDLY SAID AFTER THE CLOSED NINETY-MINUTE MEETING ON JULY 7 BETWEEN THE TWO LEADERS THAT THEY HAD AGREED "A PUSH ON HUMAN RIGHTS BEYOND A CERTAIN MEASURE MIGHT EVEN BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE IN FOSTERING HUMAN RIGHTS THEMSELVES."

3. THE SPOKESMAN FURTHER STATED THAT THE CHANCELLOR AND PM HAD DEVELOPED "A MUTUAL RESPECT AND ABILITY TO GET ON THE SAME WAVE LENGTH VERY QUICKLY" AND THAT AS IT WAS THEIR SIXTH MEETING THEY HAD "A CORDIAL, MAN-TO-MAN TALK, ELIMINATING THE NEED FOR THE USUAL DIPLOMATIC MINUET." HE DENIED ANY CONNECTION
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BETWEEN THE DETENTE TOPIC AND PRESIDENT CARTER'S STANCE ON HUMAN RIGHTS. TRUDEAU, HE SAID, HAD DISCUSSED THIS ISSUE WITH THE PRESIDENT AND INDICATED THE CANADIAN POLICY IS "TO APPROACH THE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE THROUGH THE CHANNELS OF QUIET DIPLOMACY."

4. AT STATE DINNER JULY 7, SCHMIDT TOLD GUESTS THERE ARE SOLID PROSPECTS FOR INCREASED INVESTMENT BY GERMAN INDUSTRY IN CANADA.

"I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT WE ARE INTERESTED IN CANADA AS A TRADE
AND ECONOMIC PARTNER."

5. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT BILATERAL ISSUES SUCH AS THE SALE OF
CANADIAN URANIUM TO WEST GERMANY AND OTHER TRADE MATTERS ARE
BEING LEFT FOR DISCUSSION AT THE OTTAWA MEETINGS.
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